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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Emmanuel Coffy

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 June 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 June 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) *
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to the application filed on 30 March, 2001. Claims 1-30 are pending. Claims 1-30 are directed to a method for a "Method and apparatus for intersystem cut/copy and paste."

Priority

2. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Specification Objection

3. The Specification is objected to because of the following informalities: each claim must be the object of a sentence starting with "I (or we) claim," "The invention claimed is" or the equivalent. Appropriate correction is required. See MPEP §608.01(m).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Ryan et al. (US 6,684,189).

Ryan teaches a computer-implemented method using front-end network gateways and search criteria entered at a remote computer terminal to conduct a search of multiple financial products for efficient quoting at a remote location. (See abstract).

Claim 1:

Ryan substantially teaches the invention including an estimation requesting method in electronic business, comprising the steps of: (See Fig. 1).

storing in advance estimation requesting document form information in a server of an information supplier that is connected to an Internet; (See col. 11, line 67-col. 12-2).

calling an estimation requesting document form from a homepage of the information supplier by an information desiring person; (See col. 11, line 67-col. 12-5).

inputting prescribed items to the estimation requesting document form; and sending a completed estimation requesting document to the information supplier, whereby the information desiring person directly requests the information supplier to make an estimate. (See col. 12, lines 50-54).

Ryan teaches a user accessing a terminal where a form is readily available. Therefore, the form must have been stored advance if it is available at the time the user accesses the terminal as disclosed by Ryan. (See col. 11, line 67-col. 12-2).

Secondly, Ryan does teach that the form is stored at a central processing unit (See Fig. 1) provided by a supplier. The same functionality is achieved whether the form is stored at a homepage or a central unit. Therefore, claim 1 is rejected.

Claims 3 and 5:

These two claims do not teach or define any significantly new limitations above and beyond claim 1 to warrant particular treatment, and therefore, are rejected for similar reasons.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 2, 4 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ryan et al. (US 6,684,189) in view of Apte et al. (US 5,970,464.)

Ryan substantially teaches the invention as claimed including a computer-implemented method using front-end network gateways and search criteria entered at a remote computer terminal to conduct a search of multiple financial products for efficient quoting at a remote location. (See abstract).

Claim 2:

Ryan teaches the estimation requesting method according to claim 1, wherein a subject of estimation requesting is insurance such as car insurance.

Ryan teaches a life insurance estimation method but does not explicitly disclose car insurance. However, Apte fully disclose a car insurance estimation form. (See Fig. 2).

Hence it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the estimation system taught by Ryan with the car insurance method disclosed by Opte. Such system would be more versatile and profitable.

Therefore, claim 2 is rejected.

Claims 4 and 6:

These two claims do not teach or define any significantly new limitations above and beyond claim 2 to warrant particular treatment, and therefore, are rejected for similar reasons.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Emmanuel Coffy whose telephone number is (703) 305-0325. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 - 5:00 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (703) 308-7562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you

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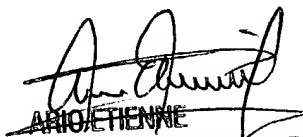
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